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To: Leslie Zenk <lzenk@charlotte.edu>

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Leslie, the changes made to the Academic Policy on Honors Programs focused mainly on the new guidelines for honors capstone theses/projects, appended to the policy at the end in a visual chart (if that is acceptable) and also linked in section VI, Related Policies, Procedures and Resources.

Over the past two years, a subcommittee of honors program directors, Honors Council representatives, and Dr Mindy Adnot (at the time the associate director of curriculum in the Honors College), worked to formulate the characteristics of high quality honors capstone inquiry and to develop more options for capstone products and dissemination. The previous model, articulated in 2013 as part of the Redesign of Honors Education task force, simply stated that an honors thesis or project should include research, a written component, and an oral presentation. As you can see on the graphic, the necessary characteristics of the inquiry are now spelled out well beyond the word "research," the examples of possible honors capstone products are greatly expanded, and the methods of dissemination vary as appropriate to the discipline and goals of the inquiry. This enhanced capstone model was endorsed by the Honors Council on January 13, 2023.

This change centered mainly in 5e of the "Guidelines" sections of the policy, as well as adding the link to VI and appending the image at the end.

The other two changes were minor: adding the Associate Dean to the section on the "Honors Council," in 4c and d; and removing pre-health professions advising from the description of the Honors College section, as Dr. Liz Hanie has moved her work to Undergraduate Education, effective July 1, 2023. I also edited that paragraph for flow and grace after I removed pre-health, and hope I achieved it. No other content was removed.

Many thanks for moving this along -- Malin

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 2:30 PM Leslie Zenk <lzenk@charlotte.edu> wrote:

Hi, Malin --

Thank you for the revised policy draft on Honors Programs. This policy is governed by the Faculty Council and as such will need to go to them for review and approval in the fall. We can take care of sending it directly to the Faculty Council, but can you please provide a brief description of what has been changed and the rationale for the proposed changes (one paragraph is fine)?

I would appreciate this description/justification by the end of the month.